

Hi Shane,

Hope one and all are having a great Easter. Just have to add some first hand experience I had in the Wahnapiatae area just outside Sudbury Ontario. We moved there when I was boy and can recall the devastating effects industrial fall out had in the Wahnapiatae area. I can remember vividly going berry picking with my parents and the forest and vegetation in the surrounding area were green. As the years went by the whole countryside was void of any vegetation. The industrial fall out from the area poisoned every berry bush and poplar you can find. Some people compared it to the lunar surface. All I know is the land had changed drastically in a very short time. People in the area had hand-dug wells that the toxins would drain into after a rainfall. You could not escape this carnage. This was just a few miles from the industrialized area. They ended up raising the height of the stack's to avoid poisoning Wahnapiatae anymore. This would send the toxins up into the prevailing winds on it's way east. Can we have jobs in Newfoundland and Labrador without having to be poisoned like this? I was a youngster drinking the toxins in this bloody well. Back then most people did not know the difference. But I know now. This run away technology has to be geared to environmental health first. Who in the hell wants a big tumor in their guts? There has to be a way to make a good living while we respect these life support systems in the future. It's obvious with the levels of cadmium in our caribou herds that something has to be done in the future.

Over the years I heard my province labeled a lot of things like "A have not province". One of the worst yet has to be "The exhaust pipe of North America". Maybe it's time to change such accolades.

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